

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 03-344-J; 400/294)

In the Application of:)	
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James McSwiggen et al.)	
)	Examiner: TBD
Serial No.: 10/553,729)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1645
Filing Date: October 14, 2005)	
)	Confirmation No. 5884
For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition)	
of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)	
(SARS) Gene Expression Using)	
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA))	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE,
MAILED MAY 4, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Defective Response, mailed on May 4, 2007 in the above-mentioned application. Applicant submits herewith a petition for four (4) months extension of time and fee, which is being paid during the electronic filing process. Accordingly, a response is timely filed on June 8, 2007. Because Applicants previously filed a petition and fee for a one month extension of time with the response of March 6, 2007, Applicants believe that the amount of fees previously paid (\$60) can be deducted from the fee for 4-month extension (\$795), and have paid the fee of \$735 during the electronic filing process.

No other fee is believed due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

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